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MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

RURAL DISTRICT OF MIDHURST

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1959.

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Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
MIDHURST.

October, 1960.

TO: The Chairman and Members
of the Midhurst Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health of the Midhurst Rural District and the work of the Public Health Department during the Year 1959.

The principal vital statistics for the year, together with comparative figures for 1958 are :-

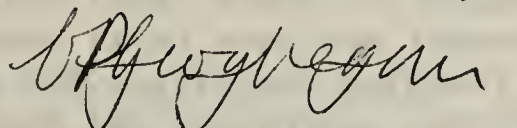
	<u>Midhurst R.D.</u>		<u>England and Wales.</u>	
	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>
Estimated Home Population ..	17,010	16,940	45,386,000	45,109,000
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	14.63	12.80	16.5	16.4
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Population	14.81	15.40	11.6	11.7

157 Houses (79 Private, 78 Council) were completed during 1959, making a total of 1,259 houses completed since 1945. In addition, a further 20 houses were in course of erection at Tillington and a contract had been placed for the construction of 8 dwellings at Lurgashall.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support, and to Mr. T.G. Henry and all members of the Staff for their work during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

Section I.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The District is an agricultural and residential one occupying the North-Western corner of West Sussex. The Counties of Hampshire and Surrey lie to the West and North respectively, Chichester Rural District to the South, and Petworth to the East.

Apart from agriculture, there are other minor industries providing employment, and holiday traffic brings a considerable amount of trade to hotels and cafes. A caravan site has been established near Midhurst itself.

Annual Reports become yearly less and less concerned with infectious diseases and more and more with larger questions of social care and physical wellbeing in the community. Like most sweeping statements this is only partly true. Certainly the Medical Officer of Health is not now preoccupied with outbreaks of enteric fever, smallpox, diphtheria and scarlatina; notifications of measles and whooping cough as inconveniences of childhood do still provide him with figures to juggle with and speculate upon if indeed he believes that the notification figures bear any real relation to the true incidence of these diseases, but Infectious Diseases in the old sense no longer occupy the Medical Officer's time as once they did.

There are, however, two diseases against which active campaigning is still necessary - Tuberculosis and Food Poisoning. Great advances have been made against tuberculosis in the last twenty years - deaths in England and Wales have been reduced from 30,231 in 1938 to 4,480 in 1958, and notifications from 50,689 to 29,838 in the same period. These figures show the great increase in effectiveness of treatment and the still high notification figures show that while the disease remains widespread, relatively fewer cases remain undiagnosed, probably thanks to a more co-operative public and readily available Mass X-ray facilities. Only when notification figures show a progressive decrease will the end of tuberculosis be really in sight.

Food poisoning is another story. Many improvements have been made in standards of food handling and a number of essentials which for years local authorities have been persuading traders to accept now have legal force under the Food Hygiene Regulations (washing facilities for staff, cold storage for vulnerable foods, impervious and easily cleanable working surfaces and the exclusion of known disease carriers among staff are some important examples). The public no longer accepts as inevitable the very poor conditions under which food used normally to be exposed for sale. Refrigerated display cabinets are now the rule

Statistics and Social Conditions (Contd.)

rather than the exception even in small shops.

Nevertheless the drop in the number of cases of food poisoning which might have been expected to result from these advances has been disappointing taking the country as a whole.

Housewives and caterers cannot be reminded too often that meat, particularly meat in "processed and made up" recipes is the vehicle of infection in more than three quarters of outbreaks where the cause can be found. Cooling and refrigeration of cooked meat which is to be used again is the first defence against infection, and the second, and equally important, rule is - wash your hands before handling food and after using the lavatory.

There was no notable incidence of disease during the year; details are given in Section VI of the report.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in Acres	67,035
Number of Parishes	25
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population :	
1958 mid-year	16,940
1959 mid-year	17,010
Number of Dwellings	5,741
Rateable Value (March, 1960) .. .	£ 232,807
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate (March, 1960) £	925

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT								Birth Rate per 1,000		
(Total number (after adjustment for transfers)						Birth Rate per 1,000 population		Population		
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate		population		West Sussex Districts		England and Wales
		M	F	Number	%	Crude	Corr.	Rural	Urban	
1958	217	102	115	8	3.6	12.80	13.82	13.06	15.43	16.4
1959	249	130	119	7	2.8	14.63	15.80	13.89	14.90	16.5

Total (live and still) Births.

<u>1959.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births ..	130	119	249
Still Births ..	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
TOTAL BIRTHS	<u>134</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>254</u>

Stillbirths.

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT				Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) Births		Rate per 1,000 Population	
Total Number (after adjustment for transfers)				Midhurst R.D.	England and Wales	Midhurst R.D.	England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex					
		M	F				
1958	4	3	1	18.1	21.6	0.23	0.36
1959	5	4	1	19.68	21.0	0.29	0.35

Infant Mortality - Deaths of Infants under 1 Year.

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT					Midhurst R.D.	West Sussex		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegit- imate.		R.D's.	U.D's.	
		M	F					
1958	3	1	2	1	13.82	19.	17.	22.5
1959	-	-	-	-	-	17.	16.	22.2

Infant Mortality Rates - Midhurst Rural District		
Year	Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births
1958	9.57	125.
1959	Nil	Nil

	Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)		Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Total Deaths ..	Nil	3	Nil	3	5	7
Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births ..	Nil	13.82	Nil	13.82		
Mortality Rate per 1000 total live and still births					19.68	27.56

Maternal Deaths (including Abortion).

Midhurst R.D.		Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 total births			
Year	Total Deaths	Midhurst R.D.	West Sussex		England and Wales
			R.D's.	U.D's.	
1958	Nil	-	0.49	-	0.43
1959	Nil	-	0.47	0.28	0.38

Deaths.

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT						WEST SUSSEX DISTRICTS		ENGLAND AND WALES
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)				Death Rates per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1000 population		Death Rate per 1000 population
Year	Total	Sex		Crude	Corr.	Rural	Urban	
		M	F					
1958	261	137	124	15.40	9.24	13.09	14.22	11.7
1959	252	151	101	14.81	8.73	13.66	14.55	11.6

When dealing with a small population such as that of this District, a certain random fluctuation from year to year in birth and death rates is to be expected. This is illustrated by the figures for the last ten years shown on Page 10.

Of the total deaths recorded during 1959, 205 or 81% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over; 150 or 59% in persons aged 75 years or over, and 58 or 23% in persons aged 85 years or over.

The chief causes of death in order of frequency were :-

	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>
(i) Diseases of heart & circulatory system	102(40%)	96(37%)
(ii) Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	54(21%)	57(22%)
(iii) Neoplasms (growths) ..	38(15%)	35(13%)
(iv) Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ..	32(12%)	29(11%)

These four causes accounted for 226 or 89% of the total deaths.

A table at the end of this Section shows the age, sex distribution and causes of death in 1959.

During the year deaths exceeded births by 3, and the Registrar-General's estimate of population at mid 1959 showed an increase of 70 over the 1958 estimate.

Death Rates per 1,000 population from :

	<u>1959.</u>	<u>1958.</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	0.17	0.17
Tuberculosis (Other Forms) ..	Nil	Nil
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	1.88	1.71
Cancer	2.23	2.06
Principal Zymotic Diseases (Smallpox, Enteric Fever, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough & Diphtheria)	Nil	Nil
Number of Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis (children under 2 years)	Nil	Nil

Table of Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life - 1959.

Rank	Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	Weeks		Years											
				0-	4-	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-	85-		
1	ALL CAUSES	M	151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	21	35	53	85-
3		F	101	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	12	20	39	33
10	Tuberculosis, respiratory	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
11	Syphilitic disease	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasms, stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Ditto lung, bronchus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-
12	Ditto breast	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	-
13	Ditto uterus	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Coronary disease, angina	F	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Hypertension with heart disease	M	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Other heart disease	F	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Other circulatory disease	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Influenza	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Bronchitis	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Other defined & ill-defined diseases	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Motor vehicle accidents	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	All other accidents	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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No deaths were recorded as due to: (2) Tuberculosis, other; (4) Diphtheria; (5) Whooping Cough; (6) Meningococcal infections; (7) Acute Poliomyelitis; (8) Measles; (9) Other infective and parasitic diseases; (16) Diabetes; (27) Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea; (30) Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion; (31) Congenital malformations; (35) Suicide; (36) Homicide and operations of war.

Table showing Vital Statistics for the Years 1950-1959.

Year	Estimated Population	Total Live Births			Birth Rate			Total Deaths			Death Rate			Infant Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase
					Crude	Comp. Factor	Corr.				Crude	Comp. Factor	Corr.	M	F	Total		
		M	F	Total														
1950	16,480	109	116	225	13.65	1.11	15.15	112	105	217	13.16	0.78	10.26	1	4	5	22.22	8
1951	16,730	119	113	232	13.86	1.11	15.38	102	101	203	12.13	0.78	9.46	5	4	9	38.79	29
1952	16,750	106	104	210	12.53	1.10	13.78	105	101	206	12.29	0.78	9.58	4	-	4	19.04	4
1953	16,820	125	109	234	13.91	1.10	15.30	130	117	247	14.68	0.78	11.45	5	1	6	25.64	- 13
1954	16,960	121	112	233	13.73	1.09	14.96	141	114	255	15.03	0.73	10.97	2	2	4	17.16	- 22
1955	16,980	147	115	262	15.42	1.09	16.80	126	123	249	14.66	0.73	10.70	2	1	3	11.45	13
1956	16,980	114	106	220	12.95	1.09	14.11	149	184	283	16.66	0.58	9.66	-	5	5	22.72	- 63
1957	16,990	100	111	211	12.41	1.08	13.40	122	114	236	13.89	0.66	9.16	1	1	2	9.47	- 25
1958	16,940	102	115	217	12.80	1.08	13.82	137	124	261	15.40	0.60	9.24	1	2	3	13.82	- 44
1959	17,010	130	119	249	14.63	1.08	15.80	151	101	252	14.81	0.59	8.73	-	-	-	-	- 3

Section II.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Hospitals.

The hospitals providing accommodation and treatment for residents of the District are administered by the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, and are as follows :-

- Chichester Isolation Hospital.
- St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester
- Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester
- Midhurst Cottage Hospital
- Petworth Cottage Hospital
- Haslemere Hospital
- Petersfield Hospital
- Horsham General Hospital
- Worthing Hospital
- Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea
- Sussex Maternity & Women's Hospital, Brighton
- Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington
- Aldingbourne Chest Hospital.

Laboratory Service.

Examinations carried out for this Authority by the Public Health Laboratory, Portsmouth, during 1959, were as follows :-

<u>Nature of Specimen</u>		<u>Number Examined.</u>
(a) Ice Cream ..	..	24
(b) Milk (Pathological) ..	..	122
(c) Milk (Biological) ..	..	20
(d) Water ..	..	<u>187</u>
TOTAL		<u>353</u>

Ambulances.

The Local Health Authorities (the West Sussex County Council and the Surrey County Council) provide an ambulance service with ambulances operating from Midhurst, Petworth and Haslemere.

The same Authorities are also responsible for the Hospital Car Service.

Home Nursing and Midwifery.

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses, are employed by the West Sussex County Council to serve in the Rural District.

General Provision of Health Services (Contd.)

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

- Ante-Natal Clinics - held at Petworth.
- Infant Welfare Centres - held at Camelsdale, Midhurst and Petworth.
- Infant Weighing Centres - held at Fernhurst, Graffham, Harting, Heyshott, Northchapel, Rogate and Stedham.
- School Clinic (Minor Ailments)) - held at Chichester.
- Orthopaedic Clinic)
- Speech Therapy Clinic - held at Chichester and Midhurst.
- Eye Clinic - held at Chichester.
- Chest Clinic - held at Aldingbourne Chest Hospital.
- Venereal Diseases Clinics - held at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth; The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford; and St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester.

Nursing Homes.

Six Nursing Homes in the District are registered by the West Sussex County Council under Section 187 of the Public Health Act, 1936, providing a total accommodation for 142 patients, mostly for aged chronic cases.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

Sections 47 and 50.

No action was necessary during the year.

Section III.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply.

The Midhurst Rural District Council and the Wey Valley Water Company provide mains water to all Parishes in the District, 4,631 properties having a supply within the dwellings with very few exceptions.

Private Estate water is also piped to 974 houses.

Details of the supplies in each of the Parishes as at 31st December, 1959, are given in the table at the end of this Section.

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL WATER UNDERTAKINGS.

Rotherfield Bore Supply, Easebourne - to the Parishes of Bepton, Cocking, Easebourne, Heyshott, Midhurst, Stedham, West Lavington and Woolbeding.

The number of houses supplied from this source is 1,302.

Slade Lane Bore Supply, Rogate - to the Parishes of Chithurst, Elsted, Harting, Iping, Linch, Rogate, Stedham, Treyford, Trotton and Woolbeding.

During the year it was decided, subject to contributions being received from the different owners, to extend this supply from Iping Lane to Queens Corner and Titty Hill, and at the time of writing this report the work was in hand.

A total of 1,114 houses are supplied by this scheme.

Lodsworth Bore Supply, Lodsworth - to the Parishes of Easebourne, East Lavington, Graffham, Lodsworth, Lurgashall, North Ambersham, South Ambersham and Tillington.

Due to further complaints from inhabitants at Cocking of insufficient water pressure, the Ministry's approval was given to the Council for a main extension to be carried out from Graffham to Bex Mill, Heyshott, so as to afford a sufficient water supply in this Parish.

This source of supply also provides water to properties in the Northchapel area of the Petworth Rural District.

This source supplies 618 houses.

Spring Supply, Henley - to the Parishes of Easebourne and Fernhurst.

Spring Supply, Henley (Contd.)

Thirty-three houses are supplied by this Scheme.

Consequent upon continued adverse bacteriological reports on the raw state of this water, it was decided to do away with this supply and make arrangements for the area at present served to be supplied from the Midhurst Rotherfield source, the water to be electrically pumped from Knightsfield to the present Henley reservoir.

WEY VALLEY WATER COMPANY.

Water is supplied to the Parishes of Fernhurst, Harting, Iping, Linchmere, Lurgashall, North Ambersham, Rogate and Trotton.

The total number of houses supplied is 1,524.

Water Analyses.

A total of 187 samples of water were taken and submitted for examination and the following table gives details of the results obtained :-

Source	No. of Samples Taken	E x a m i n a t i o n			
		Bacteriological		Chemical	
		S	U	S	U
Midhurst R.D.C. Mains	71	52	17	2	-
Wey Valley Water Company Mains	22	22	-	-	-
Private Estate Supplies	84	55	29	-	-
Individual Private Supplies	10	6	4	-	-
TOTALS	187	135	50	2	-

Note: S = Satisfactory U = Unsatisfactory

Drainage and Sewerage.

Fernhurst Village Drainage Scheme.

This disposal works was enlarged during the year in order to cope with the considerable development of the Fernhurst Village area.

Tillington Sewerage Scheme.

This scheme was completed during the year and work was well in hand with draining the different houses to the new sewers provided.

Drainage and Sewerage (Contd.)

Habin and Nyewood Drainage Scheme.

This scheme was put in hand during the year, and at the time of writing this report the scheme was nearing completion.

State of Household Sanitation in the District :

Houses with water closets drained to sewers	-	2,857 (49.8%)
Houses with water closets drained to septic tanks and cesspools	-	2,074 (36.1%)
Houses with earth, pail or chemical closets	-	810 (14.1%)
Total Dwellings		<u>5,741</u>

Houses drained to the Council's Sewers :

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Drainage Scheme</u>	<u>Houses Drained to Sewer</u>	<u>Number of Houses in Parish</u>
Chithurst	Chorley Common	4)	80
	Cartersland Corner	12)	
Cocking	Cocking	96	163
Heyshott	Cocking	1)	121
	Austens & Bakersfield	17)	
Elsted	Hill View	14	65
Graffham	Woodcote	9)	190
	Guillods	22)	
Harting	Harting	225)	451
	Furze Meadow	12)	
Easebourne	Midhurst, Easebourne and West Lavington	463	562
Midhurst	Ditto	646	654
West Lavington	Ditto	80	160
Woolbeding	Ditto	2)	70
	Claypit	4)	
Fernhurst	Fernhurst Village	326)	
	Northern Fernhurst and Linchmere	220)	779
Linchmere	Ditto	383	503
North Ambersham	Ditto	13	63
Lodsworth	Barnfield	6)	197
	Beechfield	6)	
Lurgashall	Lurgashall	19	186
Rogate	Knowles Meadow	18)	495
	Rogate Village	137)	
Trotton	Mill Lane	30	172
Stedham	Great House Farm	31	200
Tillington	Tillington	76	220
	TOTALS	<u>2,872</u>	<u>5,331</u>

Public Cleansing.

Refuse Collection.

The refuse collection service provided by the Council is as follows :-

ONCE WEEKLY : Midhurst; Easebourne (Lutener Road, Easebourne Street - Post Office to School only, and Dodsley); West Lavington (Chichester Road - South Pond to Station only).

FORTNIGHTLY : Bepton; Chithurst; Cocking; Easebourne (except Lutener Road, Easebourne Street - Post Office to School, and Dodsley); East Lavington; Elsted; Fernhurst; Graffham; Harting; Heyshott; Iping; Linch; Linchmere; Lodsworth; Lurgashall; North Ambersham; Rogate; South Ambersham; Stedham; Tillington; Treyford; Trotton; West Lavington (except Chichester Road - South Pond to Station); Woolbeding.

All refuse is deposited on the tip at Holmbush.

Following complaints of insufficiency of refuse collection the Council acquired a new vehicle during the year, and as a result, all districts formerly having a monthly collection are now receiving a fortnightly collection. In addition, Dodsley, in the Parish of Easebourne, was afforded a weekly collection instead of a fortnightly one.

Cesspool Emptying Service.

This work has been carried out under contract by the Cleansing Service (Southern Counties) Limited, but during the year the Council acquired their own cesspool emptier so that this work is now carried out by the Council's vehicle.

Shops Act, 1950.

Forty-six visits were made to shops and offices.

Factories Act, 1937.

There are 67 establishments situated in the district coming within the scope of the Factories Act, 1937, of which 45 are provided with mechanical power.

During the year 49 inspections of factory premises were made.

Factories Act, 1937 (Contd.)

Arising out of these inspections, the following defects were found and remedied :-

<u>Nature of Defect.</u>	<u>Number Found and Remedied.</u>
Want of Cleanliness	2
Unsuitable or defective sanitary conveniences ..	1

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no public swimming baths or pools in the area.

Camping Sites.

The following licences were granted during 1959 under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936 :-

(a) Licences to erect, station and use movable dwellings	16
(b) Licences authorising the use of land as a site for movable dwellings ..	2

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No action was necessary in this respect.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

During the year, 1,701 infestations were dealt with and some 4,635 rats were destroyed.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

There are no premises in the district at which rag flock is used or sold.

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

One licence was granted under this Act.

Schools.

There are 13 schools in the district of which 12 have waterborne sanitation. At the time of writing this report a start was about to be made to provide waterborne sanitation to the remaining school.

Twenty visits were made to school premises.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Visits made :

Housing - first visits	..	..	1,006
Housing - re-visits	..	..	1,250
Housing applications	..	..	180
Overcrowding	..	..	117
Drainage and sanitary conveniences	..	..	1,030
Water supplies	..	..	359
Privies, ditches and cesspools	..	..	444
Refuse and accumulations	..	..	55
Verminous premises	..	..	28
Rats and Mice destruction	..	..	3,848
Schools	..	..	20
Movable dwellings	..	..	64
Factories Act	..	..	49
Infectious diseases	..	..	3
Shops Act	..	..	46
Slaughterhouses, Butchers Shops and other Food Premises	..	..	612
Dairies and Milk Distributors	..	..	133
Miscellaneous	..	..	36
Total Visits			<u>9,280</u>

Complaints received	..	..	63
Informal Notices served	..	..	494
Informal Notices complied with	..	..	385
Statutory Notices served under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936	..	..	8
Statutory Notices complied with	..	..	6

Summary of Sanitary Work and Improvements
under Public Health and Housing Acts.

Baths provided	115
Ceilings repaired or renewed ..	42
Chimney stacks repaired or renewed ..	34
Cooking ranges repaired or renewed ..	67
Damp walls remedied	36
Doors repaired or renewed	41
Drainage systems cleared or repaired ..	111
Drainage systems provided	109
Firegrates repaired or renewed ..	54
Food Stores provided or repaired ..	50
Foul accumulations.. ..	3
Floors repaired or renewed	55
Fuel stores provided or repaired ..	20
Gutters and downpipes	59
Hot and cold water systems provided ..	114
Houses cleansed and redecorated ..	52
Plaster repaired and renewed ..	55
Refuse bins provided	18
Roofs repaired or renewed	71
Sinks provided	56
Stairs repaired or renewed	33
Verminous premises disinfested ..	17
Water supplies laid on into dwellings ..	22
Water closets provided or repaired ..	91
Windows enlarged, provided or repaired ..	46
Walls repaired	24
Yard paving provided or repaired ..	26

Midhurst Rural District - Water Supplies, 1959.

Parish	Area (Acres)	Estim- ated Popul- ation	No. of houses in Parish	Houses with piped water from		Houses with Wells, Springs or Rainwater Tanks
				Public Mains	Private Estates	
Bampton	1910	297	100	51	48	1
Chithurst	1200	237	80	64	11	5
Cocking	2596	483	163	84	78	1
Easebourne	4214	1666	562	370	192	-
East Lavington	1977	246	83	27	55	1
Elsted	1840	193	65	60	3	2
Fernhurst	4950	2309	779	737	33	9
Graffham	2137	562	190	85	102	3
Harting	7946	1337	451	385	51	15
Heyshott	2184	358	121	7	109	5
Iping	2235	394	133	110	19	4
Linch	850	70	24	10	11	3
Linchmere	2066	1491	503	491	9	3
Lodsworth	2441	583	197	187	5	5
Lurgashall	4815	552	186	118	41	27
Midhurst	669	1939	654	654	-	-
North Ambersham	1168	187	63	44	17	2
Rogate *	5692	1467	495	476	9	10
South Ambersham	1502	94	32	11	18	3
Stedham	2493	592	200	67	126	7
Tillington	3816	651	220	208	4	8
Treyford	2098	112	38	27	2	9
Trotton *	3707	509	172	149	17	6
West Lavington	678	474	160	157	3	-
Woolbeding	1851	207	70	52	11	7
TOTALS	67035	17010	5741	4631	974	136
Percentage of Total Dwellings				81%	17%	2%
				98%		

* The Parish of Terwick has been merged with the Parishes of Rogate and Trotton.

Estimated population deriving water from :

(a) Public Mains	..	13,722
(b) Private Estate Mains	..	2,885
(c) Other sources	..	403

Section IV.

HOUSING.

At the close of 1959, the Council's list of housing applicants showed 306 outstanding cases as compared with 290 in 1958.

New houses completed during the year totalled 157 (79 private, 78 Council).

Housing Act, 1957.

Action was taken under Section 16 of this Act which resulted in one Undertaking being accepted, and 2 Closing Orders and 19 Demolition Orders being made.

Five houses were demolished during the year.

Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants.

Applications were received for the improvement of 59 dwellings. Of these, 50 were approved, 5 were under consideration, and 4 were refused.

The number of houses reconditioned during 1959 with the aid of grant was 43. Since the Act came into force the number of houses completed is 269.

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

This Act came into force on the 14th June, 1959, and there are now what are called the "Standard" Grant Scheme and the old "Discretionary" Grant Scheme. Under the "Standard" Grant Scheme it is compulsory for the Council to give grants not exceeding one-half of the cost and up to a maximum of £155 for the provision of bath, water closet, wash-hand basin, hot and cold water system and larder, the maximum to be reduced by £25 if there is a bath in existence, by £40 if there is a water closet, by £5 if there is a wash-hand basin, by £75 if there is a hot and cold water system, and by £10 if there is a larder, subject to the dwelling in question not being unfit after the above amenities have been provided.

Under the "Discretionary" Grant Scheme grant can be obtained up to one-half of the cost of carrying out the improvements subject to a maximum of £400, the dwelling on completion of the works being brought up to a definite standard laid down. As its name implies, the giving of grant under this scheme is entirely at the discretion of the

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959. (contd.)

Council, but in the case of a refusal, under the new Act, the Council must give its reasons.

During the year, applications were received for Standard Grant in respect of 7 dwellings. Improvements have been carried out with the aid of this grant at 2 dwellings.

Rent Act, 1957.

Two applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year. An Undertaking was given by the landlord in one case to carry out the necessary repairs within six months, and one Certificate of Disrepair was served.

Houses Erected by Private Enterprise.

The 79 houses built privately during 1959 are situated in the following Parishes :-

Bepton	3	Iping	5
Cocking	1	Linch	1
Easebourne	7	Linchmere	16
East Lavington	4	Lurgashall	4
Fernhurst	9	Midhurst	15
Graffham	2	Rogate	5
Harting	4	Stedham	1
Heyshott	1	Trotton	1

Requisitioned Premises.

The following statement gives details of the action taken during 1959 in connection with requisitioned premises :-

Number of :

Properties under requisition at 31.12.58.	5
Units of accommodation provided ..	5
Persons accommodated	15
Properties derequisitioned during 1959	5
Properties requisitioned at 31.12.59.	Nil

Housing Statistics.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 1,006
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 2,256

1. <u>Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year (contd.)</u>			
(2) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects fit for habitation			419
2. <u>Remedying of Defects without Service of Formal Notice.</u>			
Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied in consequence of informal action taken by the Local Authority			350
3. <u>Action under Statutory Powers.</u>			
(a) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :			
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied			8
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :			
(a) By owners			6
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..			Nil
(b) Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 :			
(1) Number of houses in respect of which demolition orders were made			19
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders ..			5
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Undertakings have been given that they will not be used for human habitation until made fit			1
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..			2
4. <u>Housing Act, 1957 - Part IV - Overcrowding.</u>			
(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year			5
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ..			6
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ..			34
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding during 1959			6
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during 1959			3
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases			24
(d) Particulars of any such case in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps to abate the overcrowding			Nil

Houses Erected by the Local Authority.

Parish and Address		Pre-War	1947 1958	1959	Former Hsg. Soc.	Grand Total
CHITHURST	- Chorley Common Cottages	4	-	-	-	16
	Cartersland Corner	-	12	-	-	
COCKING	- Malthouse Cottages	8	-	-	-	51
	The Croft	-	43	-	-	
EASEBOURNE	- Canada Cottages	12	-	-	-	116
	Cowdray Road	-	34	-	-	
	Fox Road	-	20	-	-	
	Montague Road	-	32	-	-	
	Egmont Road	-	12	-	6	
ELSTED	- Hill View Cottages	4	8	-	-	12
FERNHURST	- Dale Copse Cottages	6	-	-	-	156
	Old Glebe Cottages	-	40	-	-	
	Nappers Wood	-	34	76	-	
		-				
GRAFFHAM	- Woodcote Cottages	5	-	2	-	29
	Guillod Cottages	-	22	-	-	
HARTING	- Loppers Ash Cottages	4	-	-	-	90
	Knightsfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Wellfield Cottages	8	-	-	-	
	Culvers, South Harting	-	62	-	-	
	Furze Meadow, Nyewood	-	12	-	-	
HEYSHOTT	- Austens Cottages	4	4	-	-	16
	Leggatts Flats	-	4	-	-	
	Bakersfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	
IPING	- Crossways Cottages	4	-	-	-	4
LINCHMERE	- The Spinney (Moor Copse)	-	6	-	-	88
	Hammer Hill Cottages	-	82	-	-	
LODSWORTH	- Berryfield Cottages	2	-	-	-	12
	Barnfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Beechfield Cottages	-	6	-	-	
LURGASHALL	- Greengate Cottages	4	4	-	-	8
MIDHURST	- Barnplat Cottages	12	-	-	-	54
	June Meadow	-	12	-	-	
	Nine Acres	-	22	-	-	
	June Rise	-	-	-	8	
ROGATE	- Paddock Cottages	4	-	-	-	76
	Parsonage Cottages	-	36	-	-	
	Knowles Meadow	-	18	-	-	
	Terwick Rise	-	18	-	-	
STEDHAM	- Common View Cottages	-	10	-	-	10
TILLINGTON	- Willetts Field Cottages	4	-	-	-	12
	The Harrows	-	8	-	-	
TROTTON	- Mill Lane Cottages	12	18	-	-	30
W. LAVINGTON	- Taylors Field Cottages	-	48	-	-	56
	Taylors Rise	-	-	-	8	
WOOLBEDING	- Claypit Cottages	4	-	-	-	4
TOTALS		113	627	78	22	840

Section V.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

Number of :

Inspections of dairies and milk premises	133
Producer Distributors with farms in the District	8
Retail Dairies (not producing milk) in the District	3
Milk Distributors with Dairies outside the District	9

Dealer's Licences granted authorising the use of the Special Designations :

(a) Tuberculin Tested Milk ..	14
(b) Pasteurised Milk..	13
(c) Sterilised Milk ..	4

During the year pasteurisation and bottling of milk by the Midhurst Farm Dairies was given up, the whole of the milk formerly supplied by this Dairy now being obtained already bottled from a firm at Chichester.

Ninety-three samples of milk taken from distributors during the year were submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test, and of these, 80 were reported upon as satisfactory.

Twenty-nine samples of Pasteurised Milk were taken and submitted to the Phosphatase Test, and 28 of these were satisfactory.

Twenty samples of milk taken from farms whose milk is retailed in the district were submitted for biological examination and reported free from Tubercle Bacilli.

Meat and Other Foods.

Most of the meat consumed in the district is slaughtered elsewhere, supplies being delivered mainly from Chichester, Petersfield, Haslemere and London.

There is one licensed slaughterhouse at West Street, Midhurst, and animals killed thereat are as follows :-

	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed and inspected	1	3	5

No carcasses were condemned in whole or in part.

Meat and Other Foods (Contd.)

The following is a summary of butchers' shops, etc. in the district, together with details of inspections of these premises carried out during the year :-

Number of :

Butchers' Shops	..	..	..	8
Premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the preparation and manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale for human consumption	..	..	..	9
Visits made to the above premises				304
Premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream				60
Visits to Ice Cream premises				69

There are no manufacturers of Ice Cream in the district.

Twenty-four samples of Ice Cream were taken from dealers and submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test. Of these, 23 were in Grade I, and 1 in Grade II.

Bakehouses.

There are five bakehouses in use in the district and during the year, 16 inspections were made.

Other Food Premises.

Details of other food premises in the district, together with inspections made during the year, are set out herewith :-

Cafes, Restaurants, Private Hotels and Guest Houses	..	..	..	21
Visits to such premises				57
Grocers and General Stores	..	..	..	46
Fishmongers and Poultry Shops	..	..	..	3
Greengrocery Shops	..	..	..	6
Sweet Shops	..	..	..	5
Visits to such premises	..			132

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

All food premises in the district are inspected from time to time and every opportunity is taken to impress on all concerned the need for cleanliness of persons, premises and utensils.

Sixteen informal notices were served during the year and thirteen of these were complied with.

Meat and Other Foods Condemned at Food Shops.

		<u>Lbs.</u>
Chine Beef	..	11
Corned Beef (2 tins)	..	10
Cooked Ham (5 tins)	..	58 $\frac{1}{4}$
Lambs Livers (1 tin)	..	10
Chickens (64)	..	137
Danish Bacon	..	15
Kippers	..	9

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954.

Seven slaughtermen are licensed under the provisions of this Act.

Section VI.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES.

During 1959, there were notified 122 cases of Measles, 11 of Pneumonia, and 4 of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

During the year the Council approved the suggestion that all manual workers and officers on "outside" duties should be given the opportunity of protection against Tetanus infection at the Council's expense.

Although the incidence of Tetanus ("lockjaw") is low, it is a very distressing condition with a high mortality. Moreover, the injection of Anti Tetanus Serum into an individual, after he has suffered a wound which might be infected, is followed not infrequently by unpleasant reactions especially if he has been sensitised by a previous similar injection.

There are however available, preparations of Tetanus Toxoid which can be used deliberately to give a greatly enhanced immunity to Tetanus infection in advance. If a wound is sustained after this protection, a further "boosting" injection of Tetanus Toxoid is given instead of Anti Tetanus Serum without the risk of reactions associated with the latter.

Twenty members of the staff have accepted this offer.

Injections of Influenza vaccine were also offered to the staff and 56 people responded. As there was no outbreak of Influenza locally during the winter, however, no conclusion could be drawn as to the effectiveness of this particular vaccine.

There were no cases of Poliomyelitis during the year. While it is too soon to make any confident claim that poliomyelitis vaccination has been an important factor in this freedom, the figures for England and Wales are at least encouraging. The public seem still a little reluctant to offer themselves and their children for protection perhaps because they are confused by the alternative vaccines available.

Vaccination against poliomyelitis is now available to anyone under 40 years of age. Consent forms are available on request at the Health Department.

Cancer.

Deaths attributed to Cancer during the year numbered 38 (25 males, 13 females) - 35 deaths in 1958. The Cancer Death Rate is 2.33 per 1,000 of the estimated home population - 2.06 in 1958. Corresponding rates for England and Wales, the

Cancer (Contd.)

Administrative County and the Urban and Rural Districts are 2.14, 2.62, 2.67, and 2.55 respectively.

The following is an analysis of the age and sex distribution of all persons whose deaths were certified to be due to Cancer during 1959 :-

Ages	Males	Females	Total
45-	2	4	6
55-	7	2	9
65-	7	4	11
75-	9	3	12
TOTALS	25	13	38

Localisation of the Disease.

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Brain ..	..	..	-	1	1
Alimentary Tract and Digestive System :					
Larynx ..	..	..	2	-	2
Oesophagus ..	..	..	-	-	-
Stomach ..	..	..	2	1	3
Colon ..	..	..	2	1	3
Rectum ..	..	..	1	-	1
Liver ..	..	..	-	-	-
Pancreas ..	..	..	1	-	1
Respiratory System :					
Lung, bronchus ..	..	..	8	-	8
Urinary Organs :					
Bladder ..	..	..	3	-	3
Kidney ..	..	..	-	2	2
Male Genital Organs :					
Prostate ..	..	..	4	-	4
Female Genital Organs :					
Ovary ..	..	..	-	3	3
Uterus ..	..	..	-	2	2
Breast ..	..	..	-	1	1
Leukaemia ..	..	..	-	1	1
Other Sites ..	..	..	2	1	3
		TOTALS	<u>25</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>38</u>

Diphtheria.

(a) Notifications. No cases of Diphtheria were notified during 1959, nor were any deaths registered as due to this cause.

Diphtheria (Contd.)

(b) Immunisation. During 1959, 13 children of school age and 189 children under 5 years of age received a complete course of injections. In addition, 61 children received 'follow-up' injections.

Measles.

Notifications of Measles received during 1959 totalled 122 (42 in 1958).

78 Cases occurred during the first quarter of the year.

Pneumonia.

Eleven cases of Pneumonia were notified (2 in 1958).

Notifications of this disease bear little relationship to its incidence however. There were also twelve deaths registered as due to Pneumonia.

Tuberculosis.

Eight cases were added to the register (4 primary notifications and 4 cases moving into the district as transfers from other areas). All were pulmonary cases. In 1958, 12 pulmonary cases were added to the register.

Three cases were removed from the register and three deaths were recorded as due to Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

The death rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis for the year is 0.17 per 1,000 of the home population (0.17 in 1958). The death rate for the Administrative County is 0.06.

Notification Register of Tubercular Patients - 1959.

	Pulmonary Cases			Non-Pulmonary Cases			Total Cases (All Forms)		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Cases on Register at 1st January, 1959	32	31	63	5	3	8	37	34	71
Cases restored to Register in 1959	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Primary Notifications received in 1959	2	2	4	-	-	-	2	2	4
Cases moved into area as transfers	2	2	4	-	-	-	2	2	4
TOTALS	36	35	71	5	3	8	41	38	79
Cases removed from Register in 1959	2	1	3	-	-	-	2	1	3
Number on Register at 31st December, 1959	34	34	68	5	3	8	39	37	76

Tuberculosis (Contd.)

The following table shows the number of cases added to the Register annually for the last ten years, together with details of the total cases on the Register during this period :-

Year	Cases added to the Register			Total Cases on Register at 31st December		
	Total	Pulmon-ary.	Non-Pul-monary	Total	Pulmon-ary	Non-Pul-monary
1950	13	13	-	65	48	17
1951	15	13	2	61	46	15
1952	20	15	5	74	57	17
1953	11	10	1	71	53	18
1954	8	7	1	58	46	12
1955	15	14	1	68	56	12
1956	6	6	-	66	56	10
1957	4	4	-	62	54	8
1958	12	12	-	71	63	8
1959	8	8	-	76	68	8

No action was taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Table showing Cases of Infectious Disease Notified during the Year 1959.

Disease	Cases Notified			Total Deaths	Age Distribution of Notified Cases											
	M	F	Total		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-	75-
Measles	61	61	122	-	1	12	10	13	11	68	5	1	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia	9	2	11	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	1	-	2	2
Tuberculosis-Pulmonary	2	2	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-
TOTALS	72	65	137	15	1	12	10	13	11	68	6	7	5	-	2	2

No notifications were received of the undermentioned diseases :-

- | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Cholera | Food Poisoning | Puerperal Pyrexia |
| Diphtheria | Malaria | Relapsing Fever |
| Dysentery | Plague | Scarlet Fever |
| Encephalitis | Membranous Croup | Smallpox |
| Enteric Fevers | Meningococcal Infection | Typhus Fever |
| Erysipelas | Ophthalmia Neonatorum | Whooping Cough |
| | Poliomyelitis | |

Infectious Disease Notifications 1950 - 1959.

Disease	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Dysentery ..	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	3	-	-
Encephalitis ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fevers (Typhoid Paratyphoid) ..	-	1 4	- -	- -	- -	2 1	- -	- -	- -	- -
Food Poisoning ..	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	5	-	-
Measles ..	45	123	10	306	1	113	366	40	42	122
Meningococcal Infections ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia ..	8	6	6	13	8	19	5	10	2	11
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic (Non-Paralytic) ..	1 -	3 2	5 -	4 2	- -	- -	1 1	- 2	- -	- -
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ..	22	4	10	6	3	1	2	3	4	-
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary (Non-Pulmonary) ..	12 -	13 2	9 2	6 1	4 1	4 1	2 -	2 -	6 -	4 -
Whooping Cough ..	33	61	13	76	14	16	32	14	3	-

